



DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA NOVEMBER 1980

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2 Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

3 As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4 Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5 More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$2.35). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero
- not applicable
- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available

7 Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil & Wh		Gas (c) mil megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1979-80—																		
October	8,353	7,116			38.4		7,911	7,883	25,885	25,257	734	691	461	445	45.0	37.6	324	273
November	8,418	7,181	26,550		32.0		7,510	7,980	23,328	25,627	674	711	476	442	42.4	36.5	349	291
December	5,344	7,294			28.1		7,381	8,024	21,810	25,698	749	732	422	443	28.8	34.5	291	300
January	5,854	7,633			21.9		7,366	8,076	21,433	26,602	763	709	399	452	11.1	32.1	115	258
February	5,647	5,186	21,579		33.2		7,414	8,044	22,369	26,154	658	669	474	457	34.6	33.9	272	287
March	7,202	7,105			35.6		7,824	8,098	24,501	27,357	628	613	449	441	33.6	31.9	283	273
April	5,311	6,107			36.4		7,524	8,079	25,905	27,587	529	564	448	451	26.8	29.0	248	278
May	8,209	6,901	24,188		36.6		8,279	7,898	30,605	29,235	488	466	481	451	35.7	30.6	267	293
June	8,174	7,786			35.2		8,707	8,029	34,984	29,883	576	602	457	455	29.8	29.5	284	288
1980-81—																		
July	6,637	6,321			31.7		9,486	8,185	23,060	29,478	736	744	475	441	35.5	32.1	324	294
August	5,004	5,802	25,707		32.5		8,973	8,048	24,502	28,757	685	698	483	466	29.6	29.1	318	294
September	8,612	7,782			32.1		8,231	8,048	31,793	29,371	614	602	428	412	33.0	28.7	347	290
October	n.s.a.	n.s.a.			30.9		8,206	8,153	29,275	28,705	629	601	465	443	23.1	29.0	390	324
November	n.s.a.	n.s.a.			n.s.a.		7,900	8,511	28,022	30,810	635	688	489	465	32.0	29.4	343	291

(a) Gross mine output (b) Metallic contents of mine products (c) Available for issue through mains includes natural gas (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (textile selling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (textile blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibres (cloth) '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division (b)		Whole milk production all purposes, mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1979-80—																
October	3,745	3,105	885	731	14,929	239	217	266.6	726	453	114,674	75.1			24,272	24,399
November	3,659	3,064	989	817	13,271	202	189	269.3	709	460	93,969	71.3				
December	3,544	4,441	653	791	9,585	165	181	272.2	633	447	49,059	74.3				
January	1,630	3,899	435	795	5,907	181	194	276.3	530	439	(d) 21,814	(d) 68.7				
February	3,476	3,252	908	784	11,691	176	181	283.1	421	442	37,424	72.0			25,341	25,341
March	3,207	3,385	900	825	12,216	167	155	285.4	345	440	37,910	69.6				
April	2,900	3,421	775	770	10,629	203	219	286.0	244	387	38,172	73.7				
May	3,509	3,120	673	732	13,158	200	193	287.2	219	438	30,388	73.6			25,908	25,842
June	3,543	3,230	513	610	13,311	167	171	289.2	225	466	23,544	68.8				
1980-81—																
July	4,599	4,133	839	757	14,278	208	207	292.6	298	453	(e) 10,010	74.9				
August	3,769	3,154	683	703	13,028	197	198	296.5	459	478	(e) 72,055	(e) 80.7			n.s.a.	n.s.a.
September	3,715	3,364	771	734	13,057	214	205	299.3	592	451	(e) 102,447	82.4				
October	4,153	3,370	(f) 1,032	(f) 848	(f) 13,773	233	214	300.4	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	103,539	80.7				
November	3,512	3,328	997	874	12,047	187	175	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.				

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Affected by major industrial dispute. (e) The National Council of Wool Selling Brokers has increased its membership from August 1980 resulting in an increase in the percentage of the total wool received by Brokers.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices(a) \$m		Export price index(b) All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets(c) \$m
			Exports	Imports				
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.				
1979-80—								
October	1,633	1,476			169	70	33	4,106
November	1,677	1,371	2,889	2,158	172	75	89	4,148
December	1,560	1,167			174	93	251	4,614
January	1,736	1,630			179	303	518	6,386
February	1,619	1,444	3,040	2,262	183	71	234	6,495
March	1,613	1,332			185	6	80	5,627
April	1,617	1,277			183	30	52	5,225
May	1,537	1,473	2,793	2,052	182	300	564	5,271
June	1,803	1,394			179	24	43	5,681
1980-81—								
July	1,681	1,590			180	245	183	5,933
August	1,490	1,412	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	182	329	113	5,533
September	1,402	1,616			184	515	330	5,718
October	1,675	1,736			185	552	1,005	6,094
November	1,597	1,275			n.s.a.	95	212	5,981

(a) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421 D.

(b) Introduced in July 1979. For further details see July 1979 issue of publication 6405 D.

(c) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to SA at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)								New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered '000		Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(e) \$m
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) \$m		Food and drink(b) \$m		Clothing, hardware electrical and furniture(b) \$m		Other(b)(c) \$m		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1979-80:													
October	2,334	2,307							39.8	37.7	10.9	10.2	3,024
November	2,501	2,372	3,760	3,500	2,742	2,336	1,485	1,256	38.4	38.2	10.0	10.0	3,038
December	3,151	2,409							32.2	35.7	7.4	8.2	3,046
January	2,324	2,489							33.2	37.9	8.3	10.0	3,043
February	2,268	2,440	3,595	3,662	2,142	2,484	1,226	1,303	36.3	38.1	9.7	10.2	3,039
March	2,370	2,514							37.0	37.0	10.0	10.1	3,032
April	2,391	2,487							36.3	35.7	9.3	9.6	3,020
May	2,657	2,519	3,643	3,725	2,530	2,510	1,244	1,331	37.7	35.2	10.8	10.0	3,018
June	2,409	2,583							36.5	36.9	11.1	10.0	3,011
1980-81:													
July	2,562	2,656							43.2	37.7	11.9	10.1	3,007
August	2,564	2,650	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	39.3	38.2	10.0	10.4	3,005
September	2,595	2,697							37.5	37.9	10.0	10.4	3,001
October	2,760	2,677							40.2	38.4	10.7	10.1	3,013
November	2,771	2,752							36.4	38.3	9.6	10.2	n.s.a.

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments.

(b) Excludes Northern Territories and Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Other excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.

(d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

(e) During the period amounts financed to new agreements made were:

(f) August \$138m, September \$141m, October \$157m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rate index, adult males (1974 = 100)		Average weekly overtime hours per employee (h)		Consumer price index, six State capitals, 1966-67 = 100 (unless otherwise noted) (a)							
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	All groups	Food (d)	Clothing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)
1979-80														
October			592.4	1.4				275.1						
November	248.50	244.00	596.4	1.5	284.1		276.2	292.9	311.3	240.7	294.7	297.5	335.3	129.4
December			597.3	1.6			281.2							
January			625.2	1.2			286.9							
February	245.70	250.80	625.7	1.4	290.3		288.2	295.2	316.8	247.0	296.5	302.8	340.6	133.8
March			627.1	1.4			291.4							
April			627.9	1.4			293.4							
May	258.00	258.70	628.8	1.4	298.4		296.2	303.7	324.5	253.4	310.3	307.9	348.8	136.2
June			628.9	1.3			298.9							
1980-81														
July			656.0	1.4			300.2							
August	268.70	268.60	656.3	1.4	304.0		302.6	307.2	333.1	262.2	311.3	314.3	354.7	138.5
September			658.0	1.4			304.4							
October			659.5	1.4			307.4							
November			659.8	1.5			310.5							

(a) The composition of the group structure of the Index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Overline, Australia* (6330/0). (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1966 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING, ETC.

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings 1000 units		Government building approvals \$m		Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced 1000 units		Price indexes (a)		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building	Materials used in building other than house building	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
													Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1979-80																
October	620.0	572.9	12.9	11.8	63.3						291.4	292.2				
November	648.3	776.0	13.0	12.3	131.8	1 746.8	1 850.8	32.0	34.2		295.0	293.8	675.6	594.2	1 725.1	1 620.8
December	650.1	632.9	9.8	10.7	112.4						297.4	290.3				
January	668.5	690.7	10.1	12.8	116.5						301.6	304.9				
February	656.8	712.3	11.3	12.4	149.4	2 215.4	2 286.2	34.3	34.9		308.9	311.1	536.8	659.7	1 514.2	1 737.8
March	701.0	702.8	13.3	12.7	106.4						314.4	314.1				
April	659.0	677.8	12.7	12.8	79.9						317.2	315.7				
May	730.4	664.0	13.3	12.3	119.9	2 129.1	2 039.7	34.1	33.0		320.0	317.5	705.3	682.5	1 942.3	1 793.8
June	763.4	685.6	13.1	12.2	103.3						324.2	323.6				
1980-81																
July	760.9	711.1	13.2	12.1	72.6						329.9	329.6				
August	762.4	830.6	12.8	13.6	101.0	NS	NS	NS	NS		334.4	333.6	739.4	741.0	2 074.9	2 148.8
September	767.3	717.0	13.0	12.4	123.0						337.2	335.9				
October	821.7	766.0	14.1	13.2	73.6						338.5	337.4				
November	770.8	767.7	13.1	12.9	107.2						339.5	338.3				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks - depositors' balances (c) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (d) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (a)				Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new monies raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
			Deposits		Advances			Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m						
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					Banks \$m				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	
1979-80:															
October	20 364	20 168	20 993	21 098	16 216	15 891	17 931	356	208	96	9.94		2 117	2 600	
November	20 412	20 369	21 459	21 502	16 408	16 166	18 229	312	213	103	9.96	844.0	2 749	2 605	
December	20 575	20 516	22 150	21 818	16 612	16 431	18 371	245	162	93	9.97		1 894	2 454	
January	20 774	20 709	22 999	22 235	16 565	16 695	18 458	342	182	94	10.38		2 632	2 821	
February	20 964	20 843	23 252	22 303	16 574	16 962	18 527	328	226	104	10.75	1 529.3	2 721	2 702	
March	20 849	20 985	23 399	22 408	16 836	17 136	18 682	330	240	107	11.20		2 719	2 814	
April	20 845	21 178	23 087	22 376	17 280	17 271	18 802	345	214	98	11.40		3 967	2 774	
May	20 846	21 130	22 436	22 950	17 613	17 516	19 000	314	244	110	11.54	1 664.5	3 711	2 546	
June	21 261	21 270	22 680	23 519	17 514	17 620	19 259	295	208	104	11.50		2 800	2 598	
1980-81:															
July	21 351	21 344	23 010	23 966	17 864	17 833	19 588	332	253	107	11.14		2 271	2 899	
August	21 592	21 518	23 278	24 205	17 901	17 938	19 835	305	234	108	11.50	437.2	2 850	2 926	
September	21 771	21 663	23 630	24 264	17 811	17 775	20 135	302	254	116	11.50		2 154	2 937	
October	22 098	21 888	24 288	24 411	18 273	17 915	20 565	358	263	130	11.58		n.s.a.	n.s.a.	
November	22 210	22 180	24 555	24 617	18 361	18 088	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	12.42		n.s.a.	n.s.a.	

(a) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes external territories. (d) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance companies' activity. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies - Australia* (5/14/81). (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds, which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure										Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1978-79														
June	25 126	26 204	1 090	1 806	24 036	24 398	15 930	15 988	4 445	4 286	4 012	3 804	2 528	2 124
1979-80														
September	26 865	27 243	1 398	1 829	25 467	25 414	16 390	16 560	4 381	4 441	3 726	3 764	1 944	2 136
December	30 783	27 953	3 308	1 877	27 475	26 076	17 888	16 955	4 725	4 550	4 081	3 873	2 303	2 223
March	27 860	28 999	1 592	1 717	26 268	27 282	16 984	17 724	4 523	4 824	3 688	4 092	2 040	2 362
June	28 308	29 799	945	1 803	27 363	27 996	17 961	18 039	5 106	4 921	4 491	4 264	2 651	2 227
September	30 609	30 738	1 545	1 831	29 064	28 907	18 563	18 693	5 032	5 101	4 618	4 669	2 209	2 421
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES														
1978-79														
June	15 897	17 036	460	1 258	15 437	15 778	10 027	10 057	2 973	2 862	2 510	2 382	1 626	1 374
1979-80														
September	16 937	17 223	734	1 140	16 203	16 083	10 051	10 156	2 839	2 881	2 285	2 303	1 214	1 332
December	19 457	17 425	2 369	1 143	17 188	16 282	10 790	10 723	3 015	2 920	2 448	2 333	1 401	1 352
March	16 685	17 414	1 007	1 103	15 678	16 311	9 937	10 371	2 802	2 970	2 178	2 363	1 185	1 364
June	16 417	17 563	417	1 129	16 000	16 454	10 293	10 332	3 112	2 995	2 536	2 411	1 508	1 274
September	17 867	17 686	724	1 042	16 843	16 644	10 422	10 495	2 967	3 011	2 534	2 557	1 215	1 329

AT CURRENT PRICES - continued

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
					Companies		Other							
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original
1978-79														
June	4 606	4 618	4 665	4 653	2 707	2 792	4 876	5 940	14 795	14 327	495	7 444	5 608	16 626
1979-80														
September	4 572	4 533	4 737	4 795	2 965	2 952	5 804	6 017	14 818	14 872	772	6 919	3 164	19 345
December	4 996	5 031	5 631	5 450	3 689	3 146	8 153	6 767	15 617	15 187	2 569	7 972	3 489	22 669
March	5 350	5 336	5 540	5 676	2 780	3 284	5 781	6 226	15 411	15 681	929	6 879	4 291	18 928
June	5 204	5 224	5 559	5 517	3 402	3 506	5 208	6 463	15 984	16 730	289	8 431	6 262	18 442
September	5 819	5 782	5 331	5 307	3 505	3 486	6 465	6 548	16 885	16 822	876	7 679	3 506	21 014

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift taxes, all other direct taxes less for services of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)								UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)					JOB VACANCIES (c'000)
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (d)
	Original	Seas. adj. (c)	Original	Seas. adj. (c)	Original	Seas. adj. (c)	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons	
1979-80—													
October	4,126.8	na	2,386.2	na	6,513.0	na	178.1	133.5	76.2	195.9	191.8	387.8	
November	4,115.0	4,136.6	2,396.2	2,404.9	6,511.2	6,541.4	171.5	125.1	64.1	183.8	176.8	360.6	34.3
December	4,216.4	na	2,430.4	na	6,646.8	na	202.2	151.6	73.1	224.2	202.7	426.9	
January	4,179.9	na	2,337.0	na	6,516.9	na	226.9	154.1	56.9	242.3	195.5	437.8	
February	4,190.6	4,155.8	2,428.0	2,416.8	6,618.6	6,572.5	215.2	160.5	68.8	230.4	214.1	444.5	36.9
March	4,182.6	na	2,473.0	na	6,655.6	na	196.3	142.8	73.3	211.5	200.9	412.4	
April	4,156.6	na	2,440.0	na	6,596.5	na	192.9	146.3	65.3	206.9	197.5	404.5	
May	4,201.1	4,193.6	2,450.3	2,443.5	6,651.4	6,637.5	201.0	141.6	71.0	219.9	193.7	413.6	29.8
June	4,179.2	na	2,459.6	na	6,638.8	na	193.1	144.7	68.3	208.9	197.1	406.1	
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July	4,189.5	na	2,475.9	na	6,665.4	na	190.0	134.8	60.6	205.3	180.0	385.4	
August	4,180.0	4,200.3	2,459.0	2,468.1	6,639.0	6,668.0	193.3	139.4	59.7	209.1	183.2	392.3	30.1
September	4,221.1	na	2,509.7	na	6,730.8	na	197.9	137.6	70.0	211.1	194.4	405.5	
October	4,195.6	na	2,466.1	na	6,661.7	na	180.1	1127.0	68.6	194.8	180.9	375.7	
November	4,189.6	4,211.4	2,476.0	2,478.4	6,665.5	6,693.5	170.4	131.1	54.4	181.9	174.0	356.0	34.3

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed.
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 (b) Labour force survey estimates. Suspension of seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates is explained in the November 1977 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).
 (c) Seasonally adjusted estimates, available only for February, May, August and November.
 (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies, May 1979* (6231.0).

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